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In re: Berglund, et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, in which it is alleged that the application contains five patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely Figure 1 (Group I), Figure 9 (Group II), Figure 10 (Group III), Figure 11 (Group IV) and Figures 12-20A (Group V). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the requirement, believing that several of the claims are generic to all of the species described in the application. However, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the species of Group V, which Applicant believes are described by Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-35 and 37-46, and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.


Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.


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